

## **Abstract of the Disclosure**

During the play of a session of video poker, one or more 1 2 playing cards, either as simply a group of cards or recognizable poker hands, are designated and shown to the 3 player on the video screen of the gaming machine. As the 4 playing cards are dealt to the player during the play of the 5 6 regular video poker game, each dealt card that corresponds to one of the designated cards results in a match of the desig-7 8 nated card. The designated card that has been matched is 9 shown by highlighting the matched card on the video screen. When the player has matched all of the designated cards, the 10 player receives a bonus award. The amount of the bonus award 11 is based on the number of deals of video poker that it took to 12 match all of the designated cards. 13

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